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Militiaism Rampant

Major General John F. O'Ryan is a Saul among the military prophets. He is about the one officer of high rank and technical proficiency connected with last summer's mobilization who doesn't classify that mobilization either as a flasco or a tragedy. He is the one cheerful observer of the latest breakdown of our crude, obsolete, irrational military machine.

The testimony which Major General O'Ryan offers on his return from Texas National Guard," he says, "assured itself der. It comes back a revivified, reincar-Charles W. Eliot, who not long ago was department. praising President Wilson for supporting the Hay army reorganization law, on the sole ground that the Administration wanted to have a chance to demonstrate to the country that any attempt to apply the ridiculous Hay theory of state militia federalization was bound to collapse. It may even disturb the equanimity of Mr. Hay himself, making that arch enemy of real

But this is not all of the story. General O'Ryan is even more of a Hay army reorganization man than Mr. Hay himself. The Virginia anti-militarist federalized the National Guard with a view merely to making it a useless pendant to the regular army. General O'Ryan goes much further than that. He wants to make the regular army a mere pendant to a still larger federalized Guard

Here is the plan in which the general's irrestrainable optimism has buddled. At nineteen every young man is to be compelled to join the state militia. He is to and three in the reserve. In the first upon the whole, encouraging. or three months in the field. In the second and third years he is to spend one month in the field. The regular army is to be ficiency as the state guards had reached

hations, the regular army might as well be retired at once into the shadowy background. It can police the outlying possessions, our coasts and our borders; but there its importance will end as the rise of our military policy. That policy will be carried into the politics of forty, will be carried into the politics of forty, eight states, the largest of which will marked states, the largest of which will marked states, the largest of which will marked states, the largest of which will armitain armies as big, and eventually as costly, as the army of General O'Ryan's enthusiasm for the spellished. This was removed with as little muti
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Major General O'Ryan's enthusiasm for Major General O'Ryan's enthusiasm for Such a scheme of glorified militiaism may be explained by his well known ambition to develop the home-keeping militia branch of the military establishment. He still characteristics and privileges of weak peoples and single leg for filling or emptying, which was single leg for filling or emptying with the state of the same state is supplied to same privileges of weak peoples and single leg for filling or emptying with the state or extended to same p

ment as an agency for training, organizing the idea in the title of Mr. Moffett's artihas presumed to state. Even in Egypt, howand supplying the army of several millions cle, "Is Honesty the Best Policy?" itself and supplying the army of several millions which is to be created? Why should West explain the failure of some of the thirty-history appears to have been confined to cerulation of two months ago this Mr. Wilson was the point and our other military school be reserved to return the money. People who widely.

He That Taketh the not two months ago this Mr. Wilson was given the right to speak as he judged best to the results of the people of the results of the people of the peop stricted to turning out officers for a mere are generally honest, but from policy

scale and at the same time converting the Why will a mnn who would walk back Failing to Bag a Bear or Lion, He Turns

We must have a unified, completely co-salesman has erroneously given him in ordinated army, with one head and with making change hire a lawyer to raise an one standard of training and competency already skyrockety appraisement placed lands in Rumania Germany just now, in the Owned and published delle by The Tribune Association, a for all officers and men. No other system upon a piece of property of his which the minds of some, is held to k corporation Orden Reid, Problems, to Vernor the Problems in Problems in Court is suited to a democracy; no other will do city is trying to acquire the Problems in Court in Waldon Secretary, F. A. is suited to a democracy; no other will do city is trying to acquire

A Plea To Be Heeded

BANDAT ONLY Subways and tunnels," it declares, "to es-doctor? Why, on the other hand will one Toute Missing the Manual on the Ma cape the perils of traffic congestion on the whose general course of life is crooked armed for and armored against the largest at the Postoffee as New York to Selected Class Streets, it is no time to exhume inanimate have two or three uncompromising points game in the calendar of venery. The Prus-You can purchase merchandise advertised in the stowed his fend against an odious aggression is the percentage of bag with the little quarries—such as, in the right and the natural right.

make good promptly if the advertiser does not. only north of Forty-second street. But Is it true that one who is dishonest in the more mortifying to him both even in the upper section of Manhattan one thing is disnonest in all? tract rather than an increase of the num- cial mechanism could not run for a day. ber of those huge vans. It is to be hoped the Postmaster General will give serious of a future by its performance on the bor- heed to the petition which comes to him the public of this great city, the money- that we had just enough religion to make thusiasm must jar the composure of Dr. maker preeminent for the entire postal us hate, but not enough to make us love

Drinking by the Card

been so encouraging as some enthusiasts Christmas Day. had hoped. It was pointed out in the elabing to measure reform in this way.

force in that country. It was devised and hopeful of an outward peace, could hardly elaborated by Dr. Brate and was original-discover the possibility of a full realizaand absurd. It consists briefly in the allowance of a limited quantity of alcohol to Earth and Good Will Toward Men and the helpless, the unprepared. The Prussian enced independents including more than the helpless, the unprepared. The Prussian enced independents including more than the helpless, the unprepared. every drinker, the rations being checked off peared as two separate symbolical figures: Bear nor Lion, while the methods used in the fusion cause was the desire for an admin-

year of active service he is to spend two number of litres of alcoholic beverages con- "The Outcasts?" sumed in Stockholm amounted to 15.96 a The translators of the Authorized Verhead. In 1915 this was reduced to 8.86, sion are doubtless responsible for a slight The fall in spirits was from 12.04 in 1913 misunderstanding, in which the less Utoreduced to the status of a police force. It to 5.77 in 1915. The decline in drunkenness pian lovers of peace may possibly find is estimated at about 36 per cent, and in some consolation for human shortcomings. To the Editor of The Tribune is estimated at about 36 per cent, and in some consolation for human shortcomings. real army will consist of militiamen one police district police offences, so called, "And on earth peace, good will toward trained to about the same degree of pro- were reduced by 54 per cent. The re- men," they make it. But Tyndale's ver- peace note three things are apparent: ports received from hospitals were equally sion is better: "And in earth peace be to

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Why dispense with the regular establishple and some only from policy. May not
the Egyptians, although at what date no one
Wilson's, sent to every nation in the world? rather than from any deeper conviction,

not two schools for two different armies, quency brought the cost of Mr. Moffett's native dress and adopted the white man's Brooklyn, Dec. 21, 1916. All the military capacity which we can de-experiment up to \$40 would be perfectly costume. velop for years to come will be required horrified if anybody should hint that they The income of the Indians from various to keep our military establishment going, were thieves. Conscience has various little sources is now more than \$28,000,000, an in-

army. It is grotesque to talk about fed- from an individual actually take pride in New Bork Cribune army. It is grotesque to talk about fed- from an individual actually take p

half a mile to return five cents which some To the Editor of The Tribune

tion the Board of Aldermen has addressed whose accuracy keeps his bank account balto Postmaster General Burleson appealing anced to a penny be absolutely unreliable of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, that she is for a continuance of the mail tube service when it comes to keeping a golf score? on Beigium, Serbia, Montenegro, that she is in speeding motor trucks, to the still alist? A very suggestive fact in Mr. Mofpersons of questionable reputation for hon-nature of things, could not resist.

Island the streets are by no means free average man honest in spots? Is honesty because the barbarous technic adopted, re-sufficient. from traffic difficulties. Delivery wagons an abstract thing which may be applied and speeding motor cars dart hither and equally to all, or is it something subjective, a reduction of the use of motor trucks by fett suggests, the great, complex fabric of the lame cobbler was stricken down by the boldly declared themselves in favor. the hard-driving and too reckless employes our common life. If honesty did not pre- sword of a young swashbuckler of an officer. of the company which has the postal con- vail overwhelmingly over rascality the so-

Of Good Will

one another. All men are uneasily con-Though Sweden is generally reckoned a the world's practice troubled the minds tants, men, women and children alike. pioneer in the successful public control of of the divines and orators called upon to success alcoholic beverages, the results have not provide timely and edifying discourses on

orate report published by the Swedish the censorious to berate our boasted prog-Medical Society four years ago that though ress, and it was not missed; nor did those military preparation wonder whether ins the national drink bill per head of the who felt obliged to put on the cheerful crafty schemes for frustrating genuine army reorganization had not fizzled, after population was only one-third of Italy's, front supposed to be appropriate at this forced servitude of the nation that presumed t would be an error to estimate the harm festive season fail to find in recent events to obstruct the Great Purpose, may were given to show the fallacy of attempt- renewed fervor the hymn of the heavenly would outsom its burning odium. host at the Nativity.

system of control has been on trial, and course, and many were the bitter or sorthe results achieved so far seem to show rowful comments on the promise of peace victory which can be said to be of permanent 1913, I read with special interest the news he espoused the cause of the English sparthat it is superior to any hitherto put in on earth. Some, even of those who were or even farreaching beneficial significance to erticle in your issue of the 17th inst. under row. I have something to say in favor of To the Editor of The Tribune. elaborated by Dr. Brate and was original- discover the possibility of a full realizaon a card. A report on the results in 1914 Peace, a woman with a pair of uscless and 1915 has lately been published and is, wings, and Good Will, trudging wearily mats into the flesh of the German state for beside her supported by a staff. Europe all time. History will place the story of ter, bedrocked upon the principles of effi-Under an earlier system in 1913 the is blazing behind them, and the title is these abominations in her preserving amber ciency, economy and integrity.

THE PRUSSIAN NIMROD

to Smaller Quarries

Sir: Through virtue of conquest of new ascendant. While true that by her most Why is it that one whose honesty in gen- recent capture Germany may profit economic eral is beyond question will borrow a book cally from Rumania's rich oil fields and feror an umbrella from his best friend and tile lands though the Rumanians claim t Why will one have effectually destroyed the former-it not seen that she is advantaged militarily Rather has she proved anew, as in the case

subways and tunnels," it declares, "to es- doctor? Why, on the other hand, will one Teuton Nimrod, the mighty hunter of nations mail matter and joy ride it about the town of honor on which he outmorals the mora lion, to cull his trophies from the primates toward the nations who, in this quarrel, de among the nations. Failing, he stowed his fend against an odious aggress

The defeat of his initial and perhaps still No quibbling. We templates a cessation of the tube service five, a proportion equal to that of the rest. enduring hope of world dominion must be Or is the the perfect preparation he had made and been exampled in magnified proportions in sponsibility.

capital crimes upon the innocent citizenry, rrespective of age or sex. Next, the great mechanical falcons flew across the North Sca Monroe Doctrine in its narrowest form, which be undermined. sion followed poisonous gas and fluid cannot retire at will into an ivory tower. Then the world was stunned by the assassination of the Lusitania, and by that ideas of the last twenty centuries. Two from them, that the number cannot be told by emory. The latest outrage, past thought in

That the meaning of the successful inva-In the last two or three years a new Commonplace reflections prevailed, of sion of Rumania may not be exaggerated, it To the Editor of The Tribune. well to remember that Germany has not during the entire course of the uccesses in the campaigns to come. The outmighty effort to do so will scorch their stig and pillory the Germany of this era to the

detestation of the ages to come. C. B. ROBERTS. New York, Dec. 12, 1916.

Dr. Hollweg Outdone

Sir: On a first reading of the President's

First That the note is calculated to grat

Prime Minister in harmony with the other In that article the information is "authori-

beginning of the war; as between the despoilers of Belgium and the defenders of Belgium, he is neutral in opinion. He is able

League, but to have thrown out every Republication and heighboring states. Does be reduced by legal measures the beginning of the war; as between the dican who was in his office when he became despoilers of Belgium and the defenders of Register."

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To the Nations of the World

A FRENCH VIEW OF MR. WILSON

"Le Temps" Questions Whether Neutrality Satisfies Every Obligation-Friendship for Americans Which Outweighs an Individual's Skepticism

President Wilson has just had a conversa- to know its own mind it did not await the tion with journalists, which first the press torpedoing of the Lusitania. The American elect, we know reproduced in parts and later in full. Un-

doubtedly the intention of the President was a categorical affirmation of neutrality dresses, Roosevelt's, Root's and ffirmation has, it appears, carried speeches have already signified to the world im away further than was necessary. Neu- that free America has uttered her judgment and has taken the part of freedom. is no doubt that Mr. Wilson does not feel be regretted that the misinterpretation of his on their behalf. When the President says: duties makes him appear, according to the

"The present quarrel does not concern us," noble expression of M. Paul Hyacinthe-Loy tion has involved so far those engaged in it Until the day of victory comes we within not tire of repeating, hand on sword, that he is unfair we are upholding international honor. Our When he con- Thanks to it, all Frenchmen are brothers, the world has beand between the Allied nations prevails the ome insane, why not refuse to have anything same fraternity. The violence of the quarrel to do with the rest of the world?" he offends has not, as Mr. Wilson deems, driven us out the free nations who struggle for their lib- of our minds. It is all right to be neutral. But it is not sufficient. Neutrality represents a total battlefields we are saving the future of

We do not ask neutrals to sacrifice their would compassing of his designs. Long before the tional consciousness. It seemed at certain interests to us. We only ask them not to would probably be, yon. Upper Broadway for long has been idiosyncratic, depending to some extent on Germanic irruption in August, 1914, the philyon. Upper Broadway for long has been into synchronic depending to the philipse of the security such a scheme to the struggle of defence with the war of plunder.

This is in that green and the principle of the security such a scheme to the struggle of defence with the war of plunder.

This is in that green and the struggle of defence with the war of plunder. and accidents are far too frequent. This it is that generalizations about the percent man army became apparent from time to elected head of the American democracy launched by the enemy hurts us to the botneeds a removal of traffic from its age of honest men do not go to the heart of time in overt instances, the one best rememtreets, in any section, rather than an ad- the question of the trustworthiness of hudition of it. It needs, if that were possible, man nature. A better test is, as Mr. Mofthe author of the note which has riveted our coast or to bombard our coast cit Mr. Wilson asserts that we are being car- Germany to her crimes, cannot have forgot- how could an Since the war began that dectrine has sponsibility. We are, on the contrary, conderrandy to her crimes, cannot be the murconcentrated fire from such guns as the
since the war began that dectrine has sponsibility. We are, on the contrary, conderers of women and children are all on

If our coast defence guns keep pace in

vinced that when Belgium preferred the hor- one side. the enormities with which humanity is famil iar. First came the breach of faith, brazenly when France defended her invaded frontiers, mediation that the American President over us? Our guns, of equal rails. If it is in view of a subsequent action of nations, what advantage can the latter h heed to the petition which comes to him from the business men, the officials and human failings observed many years ago acknowledged, with Belgium and the swift when Rossia fought for the existence of thought it necessary as yet to reserve his to theirs, could be sent by rail fi dalism, as the burning of Louvain, but by sacred responsibility, and that the right that supposition the respect for right, in the name they proclaim goes hand in hand with their of which we fight, should impose itself upon determined range, would have an added the mediator as his first duty, and if he vantage over their guns, which The President, we know, may plead the old should try to avoid it his authority would from an unstable base and over an unk Germany wished to fortify range scious of this evident truth and the in- and in savage pursuance of the cuit of hate is, on his part, an affectation of disdainful injustice. Our strength endeavors to destroy consistency of Christian professions and spilled death upon other peaceful inhabi- indifference in regard to European policy. it, and our victory will be the victory of in- erred in their calculations they have, as a

Our strong attachment to the Americans that is by long odds the best yet-the che The European war is the biggest duel of makes us particularly feel all that comes est, considering the degree of security ideas of the last twenty centuries. Two from them. Therefore, an unfortunate word would give us in its installation and up act of supreme diabolism was prepared in morals, two life conceptions, are opposed of their President is of little weight when There was an obvious opportunity for measure for such a train of similar atrocities, One can be neutral politically. One cannot we remember the numerous proofs of appreonly less appalling in their harvest of death, be neutral morally. One must make a choice, ciation and friendship that we have received unaided The choice of the American elect is made, and from across the ocea

UNJUSTLY CONVICTED

done by such comparisons, and examples enough encouragement to reiterate with though one cannot imagine anything which though one cannot imagine anything which it is the face of our present difficulty in this Not Responsible

war won a fusion ticket in the municipal campaign of cussion which Mr. Weeks has aroused since

ECONOMY, NOT EXPLOITATION

that they cannot maintain themselves

istration absolutely non-partisan in charac-

ploitation.

Democrats who supported the fusion ticket which no sparrow had anything to do. in 1913 were utterly mistaken in their belief that it represented a non-partisan movement? lish Sparrow as a Pest," says: "Its nat-

New York, Dec. 19, 1916.

He That Taketh the Sword

by the majority of the people of these United Sir: Both parties in this terrible strife states? Federal constabulary?

We need to day trained officers even more than we need trained soldiers. The conditions of education for officers and of training for soldiers should be standardized. There should be one school for allight.

The should be one school for allight.

Federal constabulary?

We need to day trained officers even more than from any deeper conviction, might easily persuade themselves that a few maintenance of us, be we few or many, who can use fresh and red starts all nested within a radius of twenty-five feet and within a hundred feet of us, be we few or many, who do not count—especially if there seems to be small likelihood of getting caught.

Twenty thousand Indians have learned to the other than from any deeper conviction, might easily persuade themselves that a both parties are convinced that there is a better way to read and red starts all nested within a radius of twenty-five feet and within a hundred feet of us, be we few or many, who do not count—especially if there seems to be small likelihood of getting caught.

The first ham from any deeper conviction, might easily persuade themselves that a both parties are convinced that there is a better way to read and red starts all nested within a radius of twenty-five feet and within a hundred feet of us, be we few or many, who do not count—especially if there seems to be small likelihood of getting caught.

Undoubtedly many of those whose delinities are convinced that there is a better of us there those of us, be we few or many, who do not count—especially if there seems to be small likelihood of getting caught.

Undoubtedly many of those whose delinities are convinced that there is a better than from any deeper convinced that there is a better than from any deeper convinced that there is a better way to read and write the English language in the like mentioned, house wrens, robins and red starts all nested within a radius of way to read and write the sail person of us, there those of us, be we few or many, who do not count—especially received than the vanquished; that both will confess to

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: As one who actively supported the Sir: I have read with interest the dis-First, I'm going to quote Chapman.

the helpless, the unprepared. The Prussian enced independents, including many thoulike a noxious weed, thrives and increases the prejudice—to a la noxious weed, thrives and increases ranted—which is being where a less hardy species could not exist." Doesn't that imply that this sparrow may not always be crowding out some other bird others could exist? I'm especially fond of the bluebird, and this take the war path and butcher year had a pair nesting within 100 feet of several methods of slaughter fusion effort can hope to succeed in 1917 more, the bluebirds always drove away any that does not invite, much less deserve, the sparrows which alighted on their housesupport of those independents and of those and raised two successful broods! Just welcome, Democrats who, in municipal government, even suburbs? In the winter of 1895 and prefer efficiency and economy to party exagain in 1911-12 large numbers of bluebirds. perished during sleet storms is it possible that the independents and ter of record and accounts for a loss with

when they went on that practice trip to the Mexican border, from which they have now come back "revivified and reincarnated."

It is obvious that if the task of creating a force of several millions of soldiers with mitted to the present the next five or ten years is to be committed to the present of good will.

In the opinion of many ornithologists the men of good will." Or, as the Revised Version has it: "Peace among men in whom delirium tremens fell from 623 to 362, and delirium tremens fell from 492 to 173.

In the opinion of many ornithologists the men of good will." Or, as the Revised Version has it: "Peace among men in whom has it: "Peace among men in whom he is well pleased." The difference is persion has it: "Peace among men in whom and some campaign of 1917 is to be controlled. Second—That for this purpose it is in peniously timed. As the note is dated on Monday, the day before Mr. Lloyd George's he is well pleased." The difference is persion to make him out, and as for the present of the president to give them unrestricted in the unrestricted in on-partisan movement? In the opinion of many ornithologists the men of good will." Or, as the Revised Version has it: "Peace among men in whom for this purpose it is in found to the present of the president to give them unrestricted a non-partisan movement? In the opinion of ment of chern day of the rask the leap special to the present of the president to give the the tit represented a non-partisan movement? In the opinion of many ornithologists the men of good will. The state the leap special to the present of the pre

lority of which were purple martins. Probably he would have had fewer martins with the sparrows, but I believe he could have had as many other birds without destroying the sparrows. I have numerous house wares. the sparrows. I have numerous house wrens, gently needed. chipping sparrows, robins, Baltimore ori-oles, etc., as well as the sparrows and star-Bank, 129 New Bond Street, should be made bluebirds mentioned, house wrens, robins and red-starts all nested within a radius of twenty-five feet and within twenty-five feet and within a hundred feet of the English sparrows and starlings. I believe them unjustly accused as well as the sparrows.

I lowing comforts: Mufflers, Balaciars described will be most gratefully received by any of the following members of the committee: Mr. Sueter, The Howe, Watlington, Oxon: Mr. Sparrows.

Bevier Cole really abandoned their young it is positively the first case I've ever heard of Mrs. Samson, 2 Montague Square, London of

sound theory and from the teachings of consistent with self-respect. Why, for in the constituent of the self-respect. Why, for in the

PORTABLE COAST BATTERIES

They Offer the Best Solution of the Con-Defence Problem

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In all the agitation over the quest of our preparedness what we should do should not do that which to my way thinking, has seemed one of the r ble and practicable of the many schom time ago by two young engin demounted in a minimum o They estimated that for the cost of at tleship such concrete bases and railway ern coast of Maine to the norther

he strengthened where not now stre to carry such excessive loads

point and in much quicker

-the greatest protection and the small force of men, comparatively speaking, pee to guarantee that protection. is our most vulnerable point of attackso vast in extent that adequately to pr with a navy would require the expendi year in and year out, of an eno money-assuming, too, that we could man t the face of our present difficulty in this rection, seems decidedly doubtfu

New York, Dec. 13, 1916.

Sparrow Butchery

Sir: As the result of to which the public is asked to the prejudice-to a large extent usuar him has led to all kinds of prop-

exterminatio The "League of American St sparrows. Further- several methods of ing down process. the Boy Scouts will has failed, for the Boy Scouts' organi

has put the stamp of its disapproval on t scheme.

Checks crossed London, City and Midland

This past summer catbirds, the payable to the honorable treasurer.

All the articles mentioned (with the es It is not my intention to expect my judg-